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SUMMARY: THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976 WAS AN UNUSUALLY

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INDIA REMAIN STYMIED. THE PAK INTEREST IN FURTHER

PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION HAS BEEN UNDERSCORED BY THEIR RESTRAINED REACTION TO PROVOCATIVE INDIAN STATEMENTS, BUT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WOULD REQUIRE THE GOI TO ADOPT A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE THAN IT HAS SHOWN SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF MUJIB CHANGED THE POST-1971 SUBCONTINENTAL EQUATION. THE GOP CONTINUES TO MOVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY IN GIVING CONCRETE SHAPE TO ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH BANGLADESH. PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS ARE ON DEAD CENTER, AND AS THE PAK GENERAL ELECTION NEARS COULD GROW WORSE. THE SHAH'S VISIT HERE UNDERSCORED IRAN'S COMMITMENT TO PAKISTAN'S SECURITY AND INTEGRITY.

AS EXPECTED, PAKISTAN MADE USE OF ITS NEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT AS A SPOKESMAN FOR MUSLIM CAUSES. THE PAKS APPEAR TO BE REACTING CALMLY TO THE NEWLY ANNOUNCED DECISION ON THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS BETWEEN PEKING AND NEW DELHI, BUT DESPITE THEIR PROFESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP OF THE PRC THEY ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. RELATIONS WITH THE US REMAINED WARM, BUT COULD BECOME COMPLICATED BY THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE. THE DEEP PAK SUSPICION OF SOVIET INTENTIONS SURFACED DRAMATICALLY ON THE VISIT HERE OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN, AND WILL PROBABLY BE FUELED FURTHER BY MRS. GANDHI'S

EXPECTED JOURNEY TO MOSCOW. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE WAS QUIET. AS THE CIEC COMMISSIONS BEGAN THEIR WORK THE GOP LOOKED ON THEIR PROGRESS WITH A MIXTURE OF IMPATIENCE AND SATISFACTION. END SUMMARY.

1. INTRODUCTION. THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1976 WAS AN UNUSUALLY QUIET PERIOD IN PAK FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN CONTRAST TO THE EVENTFUL MONTHS OF 1975, WHEN THE GOP WAS SUCCESSIVELY JARRED BY THE INDIAN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION AND A SERIES OF COUPS AND COUNTER-COUPS IN BANGLADESH, NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRED IN THE REGION WHICH HAD ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON PAKISTAN. ALTHOUGH 1976 PROMISES TO BE AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN YEAR

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IN PAKISTAN, WITH THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY INCREASINGLY INFLUENCED DURING IT BY DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, POLITICAL EVENTS WITHIN PAKISTAN HAD CURIOUSLY LITTLE IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS TOO CONTRASTED WITH EARLIER PERIODS, WHEN THE COURSE OF PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS WAS REPEATEDLY INFLUENCED BY DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS HERE. ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT, LITTLE NEW OCCURRED. RELATIONS WITH FRIENDS

WERE TONED UP, STALEMATES WITH ADVERSARIES CONTINUED. NEWLY ELECTED TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, THE PAKS ACTED THERE IN A MANNER BOTH PREDICTABLE AND PRE-DICTED. BHUTTO CONTINUED HIS TRAVELS -- THIS TIME TO WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA -- AND PLAYED HOST TO THE SHAH IN PAKISTAN. BUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S REAL INTEREST SEEMED TO BE INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON THE MANEUVERS OF DOMESTIC POLITICS AS HE PREPARED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. ONLY A FEW OF THE QUARTER'S EVENTS SEEMED TO OFFER PORTENTS FOR THE FUTURE. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THESE WAS THE SIGNING OF THE TRI-LATERALLY SAFEGUARDED FRANCO-PAKISTAN AGREEMENT ON THE SALE OF A CHEMICAL REPROCESSING PLANT.

2. INDIA. RELATIONS WITH INDIA REMAIN STYMIED. ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER WOULD REQUIRE THE GOI TO ADOPT A MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD PAKISTAN THAN IT HAS SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF MUJIB CHANGED THE POST-1971 SUBCONTINENTAL EQUATION. THE INDIANS CONTINUE TO STONEWALL ON THE RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE RESUMPTION OF CIVIL AIR LINKS AND OVERFLIGHTS, TWO OF THE THREE ITEMS REMAINING ON THE STALLED SIMLA AGENDA. (THE THIRD IS KASHMIR.) AFTER A LONG LULL, THE PAKS ARE PUSHING HARD AGAIN ON THE CIVIL AIR ISSUE, GOING SO FAR AS TO OFFER TO WITHDRAW THEIR 1971 HIJACKING CASE FROM THE ICAO, THUS MEETING THE INDIAN DEMAND IN THAT DISPUTE. THEIR INTEREST IN FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION HAS BEEN underscored BY WHAT HAS BEEN BY SUBCONTINENTAL STANDARDS THEIR RESTRAINED REACTION TO A RECENT SERIES OF PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS BY INDIAN LEADERS ABOUT PAK ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS. BUT IT HAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT BEEN REFLECTED IN THE TRADE FIELD, AND THE SCANT PROGRESS  
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MADE IN RIGHTING THE LARGE IMBALANCE HAS DISAPPOINTED THOSE WHO HAD EXPECTED THE GOP TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT TO RECIPROcate EARLIER INDIAN PURCHASES IN PAKISTAN.

3. WE DOUBT THE PAKS WILL GO ANY FURTHER THAN THEY HAVE IN MAKING CONCESSIONS AND MAINTAINING RELATIVE RESTRAINT. IF ANYTHING, THEIR RELATIVELY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO HARDEN AS ELECTIONS DRAW NEAR AND THE TEMPTATION TO BEAT THE

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ANTI-INDIAN CAMPAIGN DRUM GROWS. THE PAKS, IN ANY  
EVENT, WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN LIVING WITH THE  
PRESENT SITUATION. IT IS INCONVENIENT AND INCREASINGLY  
ANOMALOUS, BUT THE GOP IS UNDER NO SERIOUS DOMESTIC OR  
INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE TO CHANGE IT. NOR, DESPITE THE

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ALLEGATIONS COMING OUT OF INDIA, DOES THE GOP SEEM CONCERNED THAT THE PRESENT STALEMATE MAY FORESHADOW A SERIOUS DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, OF COURSE, THAT THE PAKS DO NOT REMAIN HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS OF INDIA'S LONG-TERM INTENTIONS AND TROUBLED BY THE GROWING DISPARITY IN MILITARY STRENGTH BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THESE CONCERNS REMAIN CONSTANT THEMES IN THE PAK APPROACH TO RELATIONS WITH NEW DELHI.

4. BANGLADESH. THE PAKS PERCEIVE THAT THE CHANGED SITUATION IN BANGLADESH IS PROBABLY THE MAJOR CAUSE OF THE INDIAN HARDLINE APPROACH. THE IMAGE OF BANGLADESH IN PAKISTAN HAS BEEN ALTOGETHER TRANSFORMED OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS. IT IS NOW SEEN AS A BROTHER MUSLIM STATE, LEAGUED WITH PAKISTAN BY A COMMON HISTORY AND RELIGION, AND FACING, IN INDIA, A COMMON ADVERSARY. ALTHOUGH THE GOP FOSTERS THIS NEW, WARM IMAGE OF BD, IT HAS BEEN MOVING SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY IN GIVING CONCRETE SHAPE TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH DACCA. COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN RESTORED, BUT ANY SUBSTANTIAL REINSTITUTION OF WHAT BEFORE 1971 HAD BEEN LARGESCALE INTERWING COMMERCE IS AWAITING STILL UNSCHEDULED NEGOTIATIONS. THE PAK EMBASSY IN DACCA IS IN OPERATION, BUT STILL COMPRISSES ONLY THREE OFFICERS. THE PAKS REMAIN VIVIDLY AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL INDIAN REACTION TO THEIR PLAYING A PROMINENT ROLE IN DACCA. THEY SEEM TO RECOGNIZE THAT, HOWEVER EMOTIONALLY DISTASTEFUL THIS MAY BE TO THEM, ANY GOVERNMENT IN BD MUST REMAIN ON REASONABLY GOOD TERMS WITH THE GOI IF IT IS TO SURVIVE. THEY ALSO RECOGNIZE THE BOUNDS THAT THEIR OWN LIMITED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES SET FOR THEM AS THEY STRENGTHEN THEIR TIES WITH THE BANGLADESHIS. THIS RESTRAINED AND REALISTIC APPROACH HAS BEEN THE BASIS OF PAKISTAN POLICY TOWARD BD SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF MUJIB AND IT SEEMS LIKELY TO REMAIN SO.

5. AFGHANISTAN. PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS ARE ON DEAD CENTER. TWO ABORTIVE FOREIGN INTERCESSIONS, BY LIBYA AND TURKEY, FAILED TO BRING THE TWO SIDES ANY CLOSER AND PROBABLY HEIGHTENED MUTUAL SUSPICIONS OF MALA FIDES. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OTHER COUNTRY IS INTERESTED  
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IN GETTING ITS FINGERS BURNED IN A SIMILAR ENTERPRISE. MISPLACED HOPES THAT THE SHAH WOULD BECOME INVOLVED DURING HIS PAKISTAN VISIT HAVE PROVED UNREALISTIC, AND WE SUSPECT THAT AS LONG AS THE SITUATION DOES NOT

SERIOUSLY DETERIORATE HE WILL FIND NO REAL INCENTIVE TO INTERVENE.

6. RELATIONS CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN WORSE, PROPAGANDA LEVELS REMAIN HIGH AND VIOLENT TODAY, AND THE TWO SIDES CAN FIND NO BASIS ON WHICH TO BEGIN TALKS WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEGUN OVER A YEAR AGO, BUT THE CONFRONTATION ATMOSPHERE OF OTHER TIMES IS NOT PRESENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION OFFERS MUCH HOPE OF A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS. THE ARREST IN THE PAST FEW DAYS OF ANOTHER BATCH OF LEADERS OF THE BANNED NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY ON CHARGES, INTER ALIA, OF TREASON, PROVIDES RENEWED EVIDENCE OF THE INTERTWINED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAK-AFGHAN TIES AND PAKISTAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE AN ADVERSE INFLUENCE ON PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS IN THE MONTHS LEADING TO THE ELECTIONS. BHUTTO HAS ALREADY SHOWN THAT HE CONSIDERS TIES WITH KABUL SECONDARY TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS AS HE PERCEIVES THEM. HE MAY ALSO CONCLUDE THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SERVED BY A LIMITED, CONTRIVED WORSENING OF PAK-AFGHAN TIES IN THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. AS SEEN FROM ISLAMABAD IT IS NOT A PROMISING PICTURE.

7. IRAN. THE SHAH'S MARCH VISIT TO PAKISTAN, HIS FIRST OFFICIAL JOURNEY HERE SINCE BHUTTO TOOK POWER (HE HAS VISITED SEVERAL TIMES PRIVATELY) TOOK PLACE AMID GREAT FANFARE AND WAS HAILED, WE THINK SINCERELY, AS A GREAT SUCCESS. LIKE ALL THE SHAH'S VISITS HERE, AND BHUTTO'S CALLS AT TEHRAN, IT SERVED TO underscore IRAN'S COMMITMENT TO PAKISTAN'S SECURITY AND INTEGRITY. THIS WAS SPELLED OUT IN THE COMMUNIQUE. WHAT NEW CONCRETE FORMS THIS REITERATION OF SUPPORT TOOK IN TERMS OF FRESH FINANCIAL AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE IS STILL NOT CLEAR. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE IRANIANS ARE PREPARED

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TO GUARANTEE A \$300 MILLION LOAN TO BE ARRANGED BY A CONSORTIUM OF BANKS. IF THIS IS SUCCESSFULLY WORKED OUT, IT COULD IN ADDITION TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE PAK BALANCE OF PAYMENT OUTLOOK MAKE POSSIBLE GREATER PURCHASES BY THE GOP OF MILITARY HARDWARE FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE. THE SHAH HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE BELIEVES IS PAKISTAN'S VULNERABLE POSITION MILITARILY AND HAS URGED THAT THE US ADOPT A FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD PAKISTAN'S SECURITY NEEDS. THE UPCOMING RCD SUMMIT IN TURKEY WILL GIVE BHUTTO ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HIS SECURITY CONCERNs WITH THE IRANIAN LEADER.

8. THE MUSLIM WORLD. PAKISTAN MADE USE OF ITS NEW MEMBERSHIP IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT AS A SPOKESMAN FOR MUSLIM CAUSES. IN BOTH THE DEBATES ON

THE PALESTINE ISSUE AND ON ISRAEL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES,  
THE PAKISTAN POSITION SEEMED GENERALLY A MODERATE ONE.  
THE PAKS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN ANY  
UN MATTER AFFECTING MUSLIM INTERESTS AND WILL FOLLOW A  
LINE WHICH IS RELATIVELY MODERATE, SEEKS WHERE POSSIBLE  
ACCOMMODATION WITH US INTERESTS, AND STRESSES THE UNITY  
OF THE MUSLIM WORLD.

9. IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MUSLIM COUNTRIES, THE  
PAKS SOUGHT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EGYPTIAN DISSATISFACTION  
WITH INDIA TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONS WITH CAIRO,  
HITHERTO ONE OF THE FEW ARAB CAPITALS WHERE THE INDIANS  
HAVE HAD THE UPPER HAND OVER THEM. THIS EFFORT ACCORDS  
WITH BHUTTO'S POLICY OF SEEKING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL

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MUSLIM NATIONS, WHATEVER THEIR POSITION ON THE CONSERVATIVE-RADICAL SPECTRUM. (PREVIOUS PAKISTAN GOVERNMENTS HAD STRESSED TIES WITH CONSERVATIVE, MORE PRO-WESTERN REGIMES.) THE PAKS ALSO SOUGHT TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN

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THEIR IMPORTANT TIES WITH THE OPEC STATES OF THE PERSIAN GULF BY DESPATCHING THERE THE FEDERAL HOME MINISTER, WHO FOCUSED HIS ATTENTION ON THE PROBLEMS OF PAKISTAN MIGRANTS TO THE AREA. THESE MIGRANTS HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE CLOSE AND OFTEN LUCRATIVE RELATIONSHIP PAKISTAN HAS ESTABLISHED WITH THESE RICH OIL STATES, BUT THE ILLEGALITIES INVOLVED IN THE ENTRY AND OVERSTAY OF MANY OF THEM HAVE ALSO BEEN A SIGNIFICANT IRRITANT. THE PAKISTANIS WERE DISAPPOINTED DURING THE PERIOD BY THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE PROJECTED VISIT OF SAUDI KING KHALID. THE VISIT OF THE KING CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR AIM OF THE GOP, WHICH SEES IT AS THE OCCASION FOR A LONG-SOUGHT SPECIFIC SAUDI COMMITMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE FINANCING OF PAK MILITARY PURCHASES.

10. THE MAJOR POWERS. PAKISTAN CONTINUES TO CONSIDER THE PRC AS ITS FIRMEST SUPPORTER AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS, AND BHUTTO IS EXPECTED TO VISIT PEKING TO MEET WITH THE NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP LATER THIS SPRING. AMONG THE SUBJECTS WILL DOUBTLESS BE SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS. THE PAKS APPEAR TO BE REACTING CALMLY TO THE NEWLY ANNOUNCED DECISION ON THE EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS BETWEEN PEKING AND NEW DELHI, BUT DESPITE THEIR PROFESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE PRC THEY ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY CONCERNED ABOUT ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE PAKS ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY VIEW ANY IMPROVEMENT IN INDIAN TIES WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AS POTENTIALLY DETRIMENTAL TO THEMSELVES AND (TO PUT IT MILDLY) WILL BE WATCHING THE EVOLVING SINO-INDIAN RELATIONSHIP VERY CAREFULLY.

11. RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES REMAINED WARM. BHUTTO'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY IN NEW YORK WAS

CHARACTERISTICALLY CANDID AND HELPFUL. PROGRESS  
CONTINUES TO BE MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
LIBERALIZED ARMS SUPPLY POLICY. INTERESTED IN THE  
PURCHASE FROM THE US OF COMBAT AIRPLANES, THE PAKS  
WERE PLEASED WHEN WE REVERSED OUR EARLIER POSITION AND  
AGREED TO ALLOW A PAF TEAM TO VISIT SEVERAL US AIRCRAFT  
PLANTS. THE GOP WOULD SEE THE SALE OF SUCH PLANES AS A  
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MAJOR STEP IN THE RESTORATION OF OUR MILITARY SUPPLY  
RELATIONSHIP. THE ISSUE SEEMS LIKELY TO COME TO A HEAD  
IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

12. PAK-US BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE ARMS SUPPLY  
AREA AND ELSEWHERE COULD BECOME COMPLICATED BY THE  
NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR  
CONCERN TO THE GOP ABOUT ITS PURCHASE OF A CHEMICAL  
REPROCESSING PLANT FROM THE FRENCH AND ITS INTEREST IN  
OBTAINING A HEAVY WATER FACILITY FROM THE WEST GERMANS.  
THE GOP ARGUES THAT THESE ARE ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED  
BY PAKISTAN'S AMBITIOUS NUCLEAR REACTOR PROGRAM. WE  
ARE CONCERNED THAT BY GOING AHEAD WITH THEM THE PAKS  
APPEAR TO BE KEEPING THEIR NUCLEAR OPTION OPEN, AND  
THAT THIS COULD HAVE A DESTABILIZING EFFECT ON OUR  
NON-PROLIFERATION EFFORTS AND ON OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN  
PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PROGRAMS IN  
PAKISTAN.

13. THE PAKS CONTINUE TO REGARD THE SOVIETS WITH DEEP  
SUSPICION. THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS OF  
SOVIET-PAK RELATIONS SINCE BHUTTO'S (TO THEM) SUCCESSFUL  
OCTOBER 1974 VISIT TO MOSCOW SURFACED MORE CLEARLY THAN  
BEFORE IN DISCUSSIONS HELD HERE DURING THE ISLAMABAD  
STOPOVER OF SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN.  
THESE SPARKED BHUTTO TO REDEFINE THE GOP'S BILATERAL  
APPROACH TO THE MAJOR POWERS TO INCLUDE AN INSISTENCE  
ON RECIPROCITY, AN ELEMENT THE PAKS HAVE NOW MADE  
CLEAR THEY DO NOT CONSIDER EVIDENT IN THE SOVIET  
ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM. THIS COLD AND WARY PAK VIEW OF  
THE USSR'S INTENTIONS IS LIKELY TO PERSIST, AND WILL  
PROBABLY BE HEIGHTENED BY PAK APPREHENSIONS AROUSED BY  
THE EXPECTED VISIT OF MRS. GANDHI TO MOSCOW LATER IN  
THE SPRING.

14. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS. THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SCENE  
HAS BEEN FAIRLY QUIET TOO. AS THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE  
CONTINUES, THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE BY TURNS PLEASED  
THAT THIS HAS NOT DEGENERATED INTO A SHOUTING MATCH AND  
DISCOURAGED AT ITS SLOW PACE. BOTH REACTIONS WERE IN  
EVIDENCE DURING THE QUARTER AS THE CONFERENCE ON  
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INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION (CIEC) BEGAN ITS WORK. THE CIEC DISCUSSION OF THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS OF THE OIL-POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AN AREA WHERE PAKISTAN HAS BEEN PUSHING FOR "EMERGENCY"

ASSISTANCE MEASURES, MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT WILL AT BEST BE SOME TIME BEFORE THE TYPE OF HELP PAKISTAN SEEKS IS AVAILABLE. THE DISCUSSION OF FOOD, ON THE OTHER HAND, ENDED THE QUARTER ON AN UPBEAT NOTE, SINCE THE GOP WAS ABLE TO LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S AGREED STATEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AS EVIDENCE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS HAD NOW CHALKED UP A SMALL ACCOMPLISHMENT TO ITS CREDIT.

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